



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-449

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding elective surgery

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 Please could I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act on waiting times and the waiting list for elective surgery at your Trust?**

**How many patients are currently on the waiting list for elective surgery? Of these, how many have been waiting for i) more than 6 months ii) more than twelve months c) more than eighteen months.**

A1 Data as at the 8<sup>th</sup> November (data used Admission method – Elective – Waiting List & Elective - Booked)

- i) More than 6 months – we have used the weeks waited cohort 26+ weeks waited = 7494
- ii) More than twelve months – we have used the weeks waited cohort 52+ weeks waited = 3039
- iii) More than eighteen months – we have used the weeks waited cohort 78+ weeks waited = 675

**Q2 What was the average wait for elective surgery in the past three financial years i) 2021/22 ii) 2020/21 and iii) 2019/20?**

A2 Data as at the 8<sup>th</sup> November (we looked at activity undertaken for admission method Elective and looked at the days between the decision to admit date and admission date)

Fin Year	Average of Days Between DTA & Admission
2019/20	63



2020/21	68
2021/22	106

**Q3 Currently, what are the five longest waits for elective surgery at your Trust?**

**If possible, please could i have this information broken down by the type of elective procedure e.g. a) knee replacement b) hip replacement and c) cataract?**

**Please can you provide the information in electronic format by email – ideally a single spread sheet if possible?**

A3 Data as at the 8th November the below are the 5 longest waits  
 158 weeks waiting V388 primary fusion of other joint of spine other specified  
 143 weeks waiting A577 injection of therapeutic substance around spinal nerve root  
 142 weeks waiting B279 total excision of breast unspecified  
 128 weeks waiting F038 correction of deformity of lip other specified  
 125 weeks waiting Y542 harvest of nerve of head

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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